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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

- DE 196 37 201;
- DE 41 05 874;
- DE 199 16 922;
- DE 195 01 571;
- DE 42 10 188;
- DE 44 36 651;
- DE 34 02 143;
- DE 196 11 801;
- DE 195 01 570; and
- EP 0 790 623.

A copy of the Search Report issued in a corresponding foreign patent application by the German Patent Office is also enclosed.

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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